According to the latest available UN Monthly Bulletin of Statistics i.e., September, 1986, India's exports, world exports and its share in world exports are as follows:—

(*In Million US $*)

Year	India's Exports	World Exports	Percentage share
1984	8793	1905194	0·46
1985	7631	1935315	0·39
Jan. March, 1986	2246·4*	505041	0·44

*The DGCI&S figures of Rs. 2764.80 crores has been converted into US $ at the current exchange rate using the conversion factor of Rs. 12.3975 per US $ during January—March, 1986.

(b) The Government had recently announced a series of major decisions for boosting exports in selected sectors. These span across the areas of fiscal policy, industrial policy and import policy. The decisions, among others, include extension of the facility of supply of raw materials at international prices to all major export sectors where raw materials are used for export production, on the lines of the facilities already applicable to iron and steel, steel alloys, aluminium and aluminium-based industries; allowing imports of capital goods for export production in respect of the identified thrust industries as has already been done in case of leather goods, diamond cutting and polishing tools and selected equipments for marine products; full remission of excise duties and domestic taxes on exported goods; to allow manufacture of selected goods which have good export possibilities provided the firms are willing to export 60 per cent of their production; liberal approach for constant upgradation of technologies in the key sectors particularly engineering goods, which can be linked to export obligation etc.

Smuggling Activities

760. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smugglers apprehended during the last year and so far during the current financial year in the country;

(b) the quantum and value of goods seized from them; and

(c) the manner in which the confiscated goods were disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The total number of persons arrested throughout the country in connection with smuggling activities during the years 1985 and 1986 (upto September) is given below:—

Year	Number of persons arrested
1985	3065
1986 (upto September)	2190 (provisional)

(b) The total value of contraband goods seized throughout the country during the years 1985 and 1986 (upto September) is given below:—

Year	Value of goods seized (Rs. in crores)
1985	195·63
1986 (up to September)	163·76

(Figures are provisional)

The statistics pertaining to the quantity of all the contraband goods seized are not maintained separately.

(c) As per the policy of the Government, confiscated trade goods are sold through auction/tender. Confiscated consumer

goods are sold to Co-operative Societies approved by the Central and State Government and duly registered under the Co-operative Societies Act including National Co-operative Consumers Federation and State Co-operative Federations, Military and para-military canteens, etc. Confiscated gold and silver are deposited in the mint and foreign currencies are credited to the Reserve Bank of India. Heterogenous and miscellaneous goods seized in small lots are directly sold to public through customs retail shops.

News-item captioned "India encouraging Private Sector"

761. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODAR:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 15th September, 1986 captioned "India encouroging private sector: IFC"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A number of measures have been announced by the Government within the framework of provisions of the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 with a view to promoting rapid industrial growth. The measures taken towards liberalisation of Industrial Policy and Procedures include; Broad-banding in 30 selected groups of industries; Delicensing in 27 broad categories of industries and 82 bulk drugs and related formulations; Raising the threshold limit of MRTP companies from Rs. 20 crores to Rs. 100 crores; Liberalised scheme of re-endorsement of capacity; Simplified procedure for recognition of modernization/replacement/renovation of plant and machinery; Revision of Appendix I list of industries; Reduction in export obligation in regard to industries set up in Centrally declared backward areas; Encouraging export production by exemption of licensing for capacities set up in excess of the licensed capacity.

Holding of a conference between Government and NRIs for industrial development

762. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference on industrial development between the Government of India and Non-Resident Indians is likely to be held in January, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir:

(b) Does not arise.

Delhi Stock Exchange

763. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi's Stock Exchange business has been monopolised by just a few registered share brokers after independence, while the total share capital of the companies registered with the Exchange has multiplied manifold over this period;

(b) if so, what was the number of registered share brokers in 1950 and at present indicating the total amount